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PORTER TOWNSHIP  
VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Report on Audit of Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended  
June 30, 2008

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Members of the Township Board  
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We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Porter Township as of June 30, 2008, and for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Township's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Management has not presented government-wide financial statements to display the financial position and changes in financial position of its governmental activities. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the presentation of government-wide financial statements. The amounts that would be reported in government-wide financial statements for the Township's governmental activities are not reasonably determinable.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of Porter Township, as of June 30, 2008, or the changes in its financial position for the year then ended.

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COMBINED BALANCE SHEET-CASH BASIS-ALL FUND TYPES  
PORTER TOWNSHIP  
June 30, 2008

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		<u>Fiduciary Fund Types</u>	Total (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Current Tax Fund</u>	
Assets				
Cash and equivalents	\$ 900,514		\$ 9	\$ 900,523
Due from other funds	<u>9</u>	\$ <u>495,136</u>	<u></u>	<u>495,145</u>
	\$ <u>900,523</u>	\$ <u>495,136</u>	\$ <u>9</u>	\$ <u>1,395,668</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balance				
Due to other funds	\$ 495,136		\$ 9	\$ 495,145
Due to State of Michigan	<u>599</u>		<u></u>	<u>599</u>
Total liabilities	495,735		9	495,744
Restricted fund balance	4,365			4,365
Unrestricted fund balance	<u>400,423</u>	\$ <u>495,136</u>		<u>895,559</u>
Total fund balance	<u>404,788</u>	<u>495,136</u>	<u></u>	<u>899,924</u>
	\$ <u>900,523</u>	\$ <u>495,136</u>	\$ <u>9</u>	\$ <u>1,395,668</u>

See notes to financial statements.

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
FUND BALANCE-CASH BASIS-ALL FUND TYPES  
PORTER TOWNSHIP  
Year ended June 30, 2008

	Governmental Fund Types		Total (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	
Revenues			
Taxes and administration fees	\$ 120,765	\$ 110,771	\$ 231,536
Licenses and permits	20,790		20,790
Intergovernmental	170,454		170,454
Interest	36,478		36,478
Miscellaneous and other	10,679		10,679
Special assessment	<u>123,680</u>		<u>123,680</u>
	482,846	110,771	593,617
Expenditures			
General government	137,408		137,408
Public safety	21,160	59,229	80,389
Highways and streets	251,627		251,627
Lake treatment	57,249		57,249
Other	<u>13,638</u>		<u>13,638</u>
	481,082	59,229	540,311
Excess of revenues over expenditures	1,764	51,542	53,306
Beginning fund balance	<u>403,024</u>	<u>443,594</u>	<u>846,618</u>
Ending fund balance	\$ <u>404,788</u>	\$ <u>495,136</u>	\$ <u>899,924</u>

See notes to financial statements.

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL-CASH BASIS-GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS  
PORTER TOWNSHIP  
Year ended June 30, 2008

	<u>General Fund</u>			<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>		
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues						
Taxes and administration fees	\$ 129,270	\$ 120,765	\$ (8,505)	\$ 97,000	\$ 110,771	\$ 13,771
Licenses and permits	16,640	20,790	4,150			
Intergovernmental	150,000	170,454	20,454			
Interest	40,000	36,478	(3,522)			
Other	2,410	10,679	8,269			
Special assessment	<u>99,000</u>	<u>123,680</u>	<u>24,680</u>			
	437,320	482,846	45,526	<u>97,000</u>	<u>110,771</u>	<u>13,771</u>
Expenditures						
General government	149,285	137,408	11,877			
Public safety	15,180	21,160	(5,980)			
Lake treatment	87,000	57,249	29,751	56,646	59,229	(2,583)
Highways and streets	250,500	251,627	(1,127)			
Other	<u>10,600</u>	<u>13,638</u>	<u>(3,038)</u>			
	512,565	481,082	31,483	<u>56,646</u>	<u>59,299</u>	<u>(2,583)</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$ <u>(75,245)</u>	1,764	\$ <u>77,009</u>	\$ <u>40,354</u>	51,542	\$ <u>11,188</u>
Beginning fund balance		<u>403,024</u>			<u>443,594</u>	
Ending fund balance		\$ <u>404,788</u>			<u>\$ 495,136</u>	

See notes to financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
PORTER TOWNSHIP  
June 30, 2008

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared using the cash basis of accounting.

A. Reporting Entity

In evaluating how to define the government, for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The decision whether to include a potential component unit in the reporting entity was made by applying the criteria set forth in GAAP. The basic, but not the only, criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is the governing body's ability to exercise oversight responsibility. The most significant manifestation of this ability is financial interdependency. Other manifestations of the ability to exercise oversight responsibility include, but are not limited to, the selection of governing authority, the designation of management, the ability to significantly influence operations, and accountability for fiscal matters. A second criterion used in evaluating potential component units is the scope of public service. Application of this criterion involves considering whether the activity benefits the government and/or its citizens, or whether the activity is conducted within the geographic boundaries of the government and is generally available to its citizens. A third criterion used to evaluate potential component units for inclusion or exclusion from the reporting entity is the existence of special financing relationships, regardless of whether the government is able to exercise oversight responsibilities.

Based upon the application of these criteria, the financial statements of the Township include the accounts of all Township operations. The Township's major operations include fire protection, planning and zoning, road maintenance, cemetery, and general administrative services. The Township has no oversight responsibility for any other governmental entity since no other entities are considered to be controlled by or dependent on the Township.

The Township of Porter participates in joint fire operations with the Lawton Fire Board.

B. Fund Accounting

The accounts of the Township are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures.

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

General Fund - The general fund is the general operating fund of the Township. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds - Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than special assessments, expendable trusts, or major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

Trust and Agency Funds - Trust and Agency Funds are used to account for assets held by the Township in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governments, and/or other funds. Agency Funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

C. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

All governmental funds and fiduciary funds are accounted for using the cash basis of accounting. Their revenues are recognized when the cash is received. Expenditures are recognized when the cash is disbursed.

D. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The Township prepares a budget and an annual budget hearing is held. The unfavorable budget variances are shown in the financial statements.

E. Total Columns on Combined Statements-Overview

Total columns on the Combined Statements-Overview are captioned Memorandum Only to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operation, or changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

F. Cash Equivalents

The Township considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with maturity date of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

2. Property Taxes

The Township property tax is levied on each December 1 on the taxable value of property located in the Township as of the preceding December 31.

The Township's 2007 ad valorem tax was levied on December 1, 2007 and is recognized as income during the budget year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008. The Township bills and collects its own property taxes and also taxes for the local school districts and various other governmental units. The collection and remittance of the taxes are accounted for in the Current Tax Fund. Uncollected real property taxes at February 28 are returned delinquent to the County. The collection of unpaid personal property taxes becomes the responsibility of the Township Treasurer.

The Township is permitted to levy taxes up to \$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation for general governmental services and \$2.00 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation for fire protection. The combined tax rate to finance general governmental services and fire protection for the year ended June 30, 2008, was \$2.2090 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, consisting of .7090 mills for operating, 1.0 mills for fire protection, and .5000 for roads.

3. Risk Management

In lieu of purchasing commercial insurance for the risk of losses to which it is exposed, the Township Board has chosen to participate in the Michigan Township Participating Plan (MTPP).

The MTPP was created pursuant to the authority of (a) Article 7, section 28, Michigan Constitution of 1963; (b) Section 1, chapter 124, Michigan Compiled Laws (P.A. No. 35, 1951, as amended by P.A. No. 138, 1982). The Township voted unanimously to enter into this cooperative action agreement April 9, 1986 and have continued their membership since.

MTPP services all claims for risk of loss to which the Township is exposed, including those risks selected in the declaration sheet and specifically described in the coverage forms and endorsement schedules attached to and made part of this plan. MTPP allocates the cost of providing claims servicing and claims payment

by charging a "contribution payment" to each municipal corporation as defined in P.A. 138, 1982, that becomes a member. This charge considers recent trends in actual claims experience of the members as a whole and makes provisions for catastrophe losses.

MTPP liabilities are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of that loss can be reasonably estimated. Liabilities include an amount for claims that have been incurred but not yet reported. But no debt, liabilities or obligation is the debt, liability or obligation of any member of the plan.

Under this participation contract the MTPP provides coverage for up to a maximum of \$2,000,000 for general liability coverage, \$2,000,000 for errors and omissions, \$671,840 for property damage, \$10,000 for crime and \$12,500 for inland marine.

Accident Fund of Michigan holds the workmen's compensation policy.

4. Cash and Investments

State statutes authorize the Township to deposit and invest in the accounts of Federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations; bonds, securities and other direct obligations of the United States, or any agency or instrumentality of the United States in which the principal and interest is fully guaranteed by the United States, including securities issued or guaranteed by the Government National Mortgage Association; United States government or Federal agency obligation repurchase agreements; bankers' acceptance of United States banks; commercial paper rated by two standard rating agencies within the three highest classifications, which mature not more than 270 days after the date of purchase, and which involve no more than 50 percent of any one fund; and mutual funds composed of investment vehicles which are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan. Michigan law prohibits security in the form of collateral, surety bonds, or other forms for the deposit of public money. Attorney General's Opinion No. 6168 states that public funds may not be deposited in financial institutions located in states other than Michigan.

The Township's deposits and investments are in accordance with statutory authority.

Cash consists of checking and savings account deposits at local banks.

	<u>Carrying Amount</u>	<u>Bank Balance</u>	<u>GASB Category of Risk</u>
Insured (FDIC)	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	(1)
Uninsured	\$ 600,523	\$ 604,891	(3)

Category 1 is insured or registered.

Category 3 is uninsured or unregistered.

5. Restricted Fund Balance

The restricted fund balance in the General Fund is the accumulated excess of liquor license refunds over the amounts spent for liquor inspections.

6. Interfund receivables and payables at June 30, 2008:

	<u>Receivable</u>	<u>Payable</u>
General Fund		
Current Tax Fund	\$ 9	
Fire Protection Fund		\$ 495,136
Current Tax Fund		
General Fund		9
Fire Protection Fund		
General Fund	<u>495,136</u>	<u>          </u>
	<u>\$ 495,145</u>	<u>\$ 495,145</u>

BALANCE SHEET-CASH BASIS  
GENERAL FUND  
PORTER TOWNSHIP  
June 30

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Assets		
Cash and equivalents	\$ 900,514	\$ 843,688
Due from other funds	<u>9</u>	<u>2,930</u>
	\$ <u>900,523</u>	\$ <u>846,618</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balance		
Due to other funds	\$ 495,136	\$ 443,594
Due to State of Michigan	<u>599</u>	<u></u>
Total liabilities	495,735	443,594
Restricted fund balance	4,365	3,909
Unrestricted fund balance	<u>400,423</u>	<u>399,115</u>
Total fund balance	<u>404,788</u>	<u>403,024</u>
	\$ <u>900,523</u>	\$ <u>846,618</u>

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
Years ended June 30

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Revenues	\$ 482,846	\$ 452,051
Expenditures	<u>481,082</u>	<u>386,418</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	1,764	65,633
Beginning fund balance	<u>403,024</u>	<u>337,391</u>
Ending fund balance	\$ <u>404,788</u>	\$ <u>403,024</u>

STATEMENT OF REVENUES-BUDGET AND ACTUAL-CASH BASIS  
GENERAL FUND  
PORTER TOWNSHIP  
Years ended June 30

		<u>2008</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	<u>2007</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>		
Property taxes	\$ 94,270	\$ 80,512	\$ (13,758)	\$ 75,196
Administration fees	35,000	40,253	5,253	35,632
Licenses and permits	16,640	20,790	4,150	17,239
State shared revenues	150,000	170,454	20,454	168,528
Charges for services				
Cemetery	1,200	1,815	615	1,050
Special assessment	99,000	123,680	24,680	112,029
Interest	40,000	36,478	(3,522)	41,145
Miscellaneous	<u>1,210</u>	<u>8,864</u>	<u>7,654</u>	<u>1,232</u>
	\$ <u>437,320</u>	\$ <u>482,846</u>	\$ <u>45,526</u>	\$ <u>452,051</u>

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES-BUDGET AND ACTUAL-CASH BASIS  
GENERAL FUND  
PORTER TOWNSHIP  
Years ended June 30

		<u>2008</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>		<u>2007</u>
General Government				
Township Board	\$ 53,100	\$ 43,390	\$ 9,710	\$ 38,534
Supervisor	10,920	10,920		10,380
Clerk	12,200	12,000	200	11,664
Board of review	1,340	1,549	(209)	777
Treasurer	24,580	22,403	2,177	21,149
Assessor	23,780	22,889	891	23,278
Election	5,100	3,305	1,795	6,553
Township hall	14,565	19,795	(5,230)	13,691
Cemetery	<u>3,700</u>	<u>1,157</u>	<u>2,543</u>	<u>8,654</u>
	149,285	137,408	11,877	134,680
Inspection services	15,180	21,160	(5,980)	14,714
Lake treatment	87,000	57,249	29,751	43,663
Highways and streets	250,500	251,627	(1,127)	185,026
Planning and zoning	10,600	13,408	(2,808)	8,232
Other	<u>          </u>	<u>230</u>	<u>(230)</u>	<u>103</u>
	\$ <u>512,565</u>	\$ <u>481,082</u>	\$ <u>31,483</u>	\$ <u>386,418</u>

BALANCE SHEET-CASH BASIS  
FIRE PROTECTION FUND  
PORTER TOWNSHIP  
June 30

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Assets		
Due from General Fund	\$ <u>495,136</u>	\$ <u>443,594</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balance		
Fund balance	\$ <u>495,136</u>	\$ <u>443,594</u>

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE-  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL-CASH BASIS  
Years ended June 30

	<u>2008</u>			
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	<u>2007</u>
Revenues				
Property taxes	\$ 97,000	\$ 110,771	\$ 13,771	\$ 104,600
Expenditures				
Salaries and wages		711		457
Fire protection		<u>58,518</u>		<u>54,900</u>
	<u>56,646</u>	<u>59,229</u>	<u>(2,583)</u>	<u>55,357</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$ <u>40,354</u>	51,542	\$ <u>11,188</u>	49,243
Beginning fund balance		<u>443,594</u>		<u>394,351</u>
Ending fund balance		\$ <u>495,136</u>		\$ <u>443,594</u>

BALANCE SHEET-CASH BASIS  
CURRENT TAX FUND  
PORTER TOWNSHIP  
June 30

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Assets		
Cash	\$ <u>9</u>	\$ <u>2,930</u>
Liabilities		
Due to other funds	\$ <u>9</u>	\$ <u>2,930</u>

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The audit work necessary to express an opinion on the financial statements of Porter Township included a review of the Township's accounting procedures and the related internal controls. As a result of this review we offer comments and recommendations for your consideration.

Repeat of Prior Comments

Tax Distributions

During the audit we observed that the current tax fund did not distribute property taxes according to the state requirements.

Building Department Fund

The State of Michigan requires a Building Department Fund to account for inspection revenues and expenditures. The Township does not have this fund.

Segregation of Duties

The duties of the Treasurer involve collecting monies, issuing receipts, making deposits and reconciling the bank statement. Because of this there is not proper segregation of duties. However, this is common in small governmental units.

The above comments are submitted to you to develop good accounting procedures and are not intended to reflect upon the performance of any individual.

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